



Quarterly Report

FIRST QUARTER FY 2012

February 2012

The City of Arlington is making great strides in expending, reporting, and performing ARRA program objectives. This 1st quarter report is part of the last fiscal year of reporting. The range of accomplishments achieved with this funding is staggering. One such project – the COPS program - proves just that.

COPS Hiring Grant Helpful to APD for Two Years

With the support of grant funds from the Department of Justice's COPS Office (Community Oriented Policing Services), the Arlington Police Department has continued to provide vital protective services to the citizens of our community. Awarded the third highest level of funding in the state in 2010, Arlington police have used the two-year \$6.1 million grant to fund 31 sworn officer positions in a variety of ways. From Gang Unit officers to Special Operations and Homeland Security/Special Events, the positive effects of the additional officer positions reverberate throughout the department and therefore throughout the city.

Thanks in part to the COPS grant, crime has continued to decrease in Arlington. From 2009 to 2010 (the first year of COPS funding), violent crimes decreased 18% from 2,330 incidents to 1,899. During the same period, property crimes decreased from 20,516 to 19,350—an almost 6% fall in these cases. Continuing this downward trend in 2011, violent crimes decreased at a rate of 1.3% from 2010 (1,873 total incidents compared to 1,899 in 2010) while property crimes fell overall almost 11% (from 19,350 in 2010 to 17,208 in 2011).

As a department dedicated to the community policing philosophy, Arlington has broadened its efforts to involve citizens in a variety of ways to prevent crime as well as to report it. One community partnership that makes a difference is the Citizens On Patrol program (C.O.P). C.O.P. has been active in Arlington since the early 1990s but is now developing a higher visibility in the community with the expansion of the program called C.O.P. Mobile. Trained C.O.P. volunteers

utilize city-issued vehicles to patrol their own neighborhoods or other areas of focus provided by Officers. This program is an opportunity to help community volunteers have a greater vested

interest in partnering with the Arlington Police Department.

In the world of social media, the department has created many opportunities for citizen involvement. In addition to Twitter, Facebook, Nixle, and Youtube, “live chats” on the department website have begun to

provide another avenue to respond to citizens' questions and concerns, and recently Chief Bowman invited the community to a Virtual Ridealong “Tweetalong” to heighten awareness of the serious and oftentimes tragic consequences of DWI.



Arlington officers in action

Other milestones achieved in this quarter include:

- **Weatherization Assistance Program: (WAP)** - Through 12/31/2011, the Weatherization Assistance Program has weatherized 340 homes since the program began in January 2010. The City has been awarded an additional \$105,000 to weatherize more units, and the contract end date has been extended to 2/28/2012.

- **Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant - COMMERCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OUTREACH PROGRAM** This quarter focused on diversifying outreach efforts by sending out mailers, updating the online reporting form, and preparing members for the January reporting period.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACTION PLAN (EEAP) and GRANT ADMINISTRATION the Citizen Advisory Board reviewed the draft EEAP provided by the consultant, and refinement work continues.

FACILITY SVCS BLDG EE PROJECT All work is complete and the project is closed.

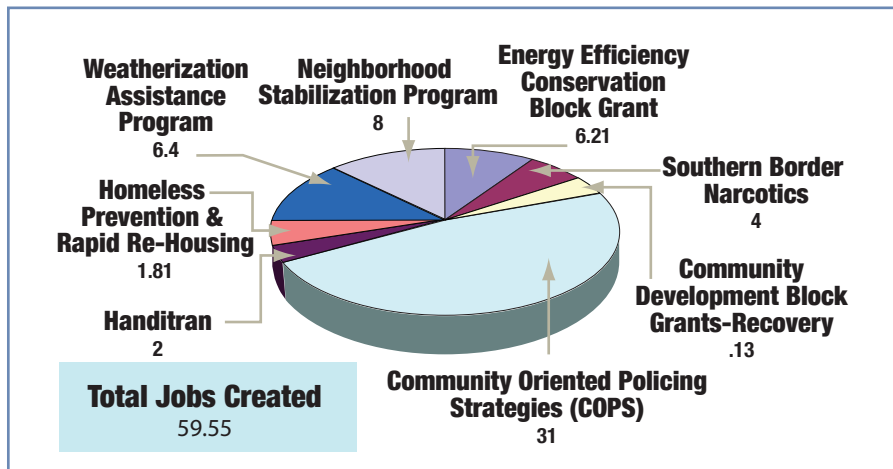
CONVENTION CENTER All work is complete and the project is closed.

INTERNAL LIGHTING UPGRADES All work is complete and federal documentation has been submitted. Final invoice will be paid upon submittal.

ENERGY CODE ENHANCEMENT STUDY Research is under way by the contracted service provider. A third stakeholder meeting, and an initial construction board meeting was held to review progress and obtain input.

VEHICLE ANTI-IDLING PROJECT All work is complete and the project is closed. Monitoring energy savings has been ongoing. The City is pursuing a refund for this equipment because it did not deliver the results promised.

CITY TOWER – Construction is ongoing on all parts of the project: window replacement, interior bathroom remodels, and interior duct work. The large make-up air unit has been installed on the roof.



More information on the Arlington ARRA funding can be found at www.arlingtontx.gov/recovery/index.html.

- ARRA – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- EECBG – Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants
- CDBG-R – Community Development Block Grants-Recovery
- Byrne JAG – Byrne Justice Assistance Grants
- COPS – Community Oriented Policing Strategies
- DOJ Combating Criminal Narcotics for Southern Border States – Department of Justice Combating Criminal Narcotics for Southern Border States

